2nd. The report of the Hospital Steward, for December, was examined and fyled for reference.

3rd. The report of the Relief Inspector, expending $62 75 cash and 36 cords to the poor of the following wards, was adopted as follows:

	Cash.	Wood.
Ward No. 1........	$ 2 40	5
" 2........	14 40	3½
" 3........	11 40	7
" 4........	4 30	2
" 5........	8 45	10
" 6........	15 40	5½
" 7........	6 40	3
	$62.75	36

Statements of moneys and wood expended for the poor of the city, from the 1st day of January, 1877, to the 1st day of January, 1878, and divided in the several Wards as follows:

	Cash.	Wood.	
Ward No. 1........	$ 49 15	44½	cords.
" 2	184 80	35	"
" 3........	127 55	83½	"
" 4........	28 40	17½	"
" 5........	65 61	73	"
" 6...	157 41	63½	"
" 7........	80 80	14	"
	$693 72	331	"

Remaining in Hospital on the evening of the 31st Dec., 1876, 39 patients chargeable as follows: To the city of London, 28 county of Middlesex, 4; pensioners, 1; paying patients, 4; township of Plimpton, 1; town of Exeter, 1. Admitted during the year, including 15 children born in the institution, 227. From city of London, 170; county of Middlesex, 28; paying patients, 23; county of Huron, 1; pensioners, 5 Total number under treatment, 266. Which make a collective number of days in Hospital of 14,133 days, at average stay to each of 53 days, and an average daily residence of 38 patients in the building during the year. Died during the year. 21 City patients, 14; County, 3; pensioners, 2; paying patients, [illegible]; Township of Plympton, 1. Discharged, cured and improved 201. City, 155; County, 23; paying patients, 22; Town of Exeter, 1 Remaining in Hospital this 31st day of Dec, 44. City patients, 29; County patients, 6; paying patients, 4; pensioners, 4; County of Huron, 1. The average cost per day to each patient is 49 cents, but owing to the construction account, wihch is six per cent. on $8,000, according to agreement made between the City and County, the rate per day for County patients is 52 cents.

Detail Statement of Receipts During 1877: Hospital grant from Ontario Government, $2 781 60; interest on Savings Bank fund, $819; County account, $1,200 68, less credit, $474, $726 68; paying patients themselves, $295 36; donation to Treasurer from a friend $200; Collected from Pension Office, $156.90; from town of Exeter, $29 00; Township Carlow, Co. of Huron, $86.00; Township of Plympton, Co. Lambton, $26 00; R. Mathison, Esq, Asylum Bursar, $33 34; remaining after death, Francis Dickey, $7. 35; do. John Hawskins, Petersville, (colored,) $4 60. Total, $5,165.83.

Detail Statement of Expenses during 1877: Groceries, wines, liquors, brooms, brushes, $1,313.30; bread, $464.22; milk, $260 58; potatoes and vegetables, $119 95; shirts, sheeting, clothing, bedding and towelling, $272 33; soft soap, $39.00: coal, $359 70; oil, lamps, stoves, tinware, repairs, etc., $192 25; medicine and surgical instruments, $378 62; servants' and nurses' salaries, $566 51; interments and graves, $157.00; plumber's work, $29 95; straw for bedding, $21.75; cleaning clocks, $1.50; crockery, cutlery, glassware, etc, $68 48; beer, $46 50; bread cutter, $2; card cases, $3 80; fish, $56 84; butchers' meat, 768.13; gravel for avenues, $18; repairing bedsteads, $6 80; boots and repairs, $6.30; manure and ploughing, $10; whitewashing, $95; scrubbing after whitewashing, $7.88, *Advertiser*, $5; trees and garden seeds, $33.07; saw sharpening, $2 80; flower roots and pots, $5 07; hardware, nails, oils, etc., $35,26; repairing sewing machine, $1 50; lime, $1.30; glazing, $11 50; cab hire, $2 75; strawberries, $1 50; furniture, $23; ice for the season, $15; repairing pumps, $5.25; 1 roller for lawn, $1: carpenters' work, $43 91; postage, $1.60; books and stationery, $14 66; wood measured by Engineer for Hospital, $357 91: R. surgeon's, steward's and matron's salaries, $1,000. Total, $6,828. 55.

Received and adopted.

Ald Partridge, sr., chairman, submitted the following report from the Board of Works:

1st. The communication from the County Council, relative to memorializing the Ontario Government for a grant from the surplus fund of the Province, for the purpose of drainage, and also $2 per head for the Province of Ontario. It was moved and seconded that this Board take no action on the first clause, and recommend the Council to join the County in memorializing the Government for the second clause. Carried.

2nd. The petition of John Donnelly, for damages sustained by water getting into his cellar, asking the Council to award him the sum of $75 for the loss sustained. The Engineer and Street Commissioner explained to the Board the position and distance said cellar was from the street, showing that the Council was not liable for any damages; after which it was moved and seconded that no action be taken in the matter. Carried.

3rd. The Engineer's report of expenditure, giving the amount expended for improvements throughout the city during the year 1877. It was moved and seconded that the report be received, and the same reported to the Council. Carried.

Received and adopted.

Ald. Campbell, Chairman, submitted the following report from the Finance Committee:

Your Committee beg to report that they have examined the following accounts and find them correct, and would recommend the same to be paid: City Hospital account for Dec, $687 20; Exhibition Committee account, $85 24; Register Office, $3; Police Station, $48 15; City Hall expenses, $24 08; water works, $15 50; Board of Health, $2; incidental expenses, $7.10; relief to paupers and burying dead, etc, $92 10; Fire Department, $1.336 71; pay sheet for city officials, $2 640 83; M D. Dawson, printing, $215 97; T. Peel, police clothing, $166.80; E. Beltz caps, $8 50; Laing & McPherson, police clothing, $309 25; H. Winder, for pound, $12 50; James Heavy, for pound, $12 50; A. S. Murray, winding clock, $25; Doctor Moore's account, $2; Reid & Anderson's account, stationery, $21 95; Wyatt & Pratt, water works, $4; City Gas Co. for quarter ending Dec 31, 1877, $1,706 76; *Free Press* Printing account, $466 97; City Solicitor's account, $597 02 Total, $8 491 13.

The report was adopted.

A by-law for the appointment of High School Trustees was read a first time in blank.

Moved by Ald. Sutherland, seconded by Ald. Williams, that the blanks be filled up with the names of Messrs. Alex. Johnston and James Moffat. Carried.

The by law was then read a second and third time and finally passed.

Ald. McNab moved, seconded by Ald. Williams, that the sum of $25 be granted each of the reporters for their services for reporting for this Council during the past year.

Ald. Jones moved, seconded by Ald. Williams, that the 45th rule be suspended. Carried.

It was then moved by Ald. Williams, seconded by Ald. Jones, that the sum of $25 be granted each of the reporters.

Ald. Minhinnick, Jones, Williams, Ross, Regan, McNab, Boyd and Egan supported the motion.

Ald. Campbell moved in amendment, seconded by Ald. Gray, that the matter be left to the Salaries Committee of next year.

The amendment was lost, and the original motion carried.

Moved by Ald. Williams, seconded by Ald. Ross, that Drs. Brown, Niven, Fenwick, Moore, Fraser, Payne, Mitchell and Waugh be the visiting staff for the ensuing year, and that Drs. Brown and Niven be directed to return to their duties.

Referred to the Hospital Committee of 1878

Ald. Browne moved that the by law appointing the Assessors be rescinded.

No seconder.

Moved by Ald. Browne, seconded by Ald. Campbell, that this Council having heard, with extreme regret, of our worthy colleague, Ald Rapley's sad bereavement, in the loss of his beloved wife—Be it therefore resolved that this Council, here assembled, express their heartfelt sympathy with the esteemed Alderman and his family, in their sad affliction, and that a copy of this resolution be forwarded, by the City Clerk, to the family. Carried.

At this stage, by request, His Worship Mayor Pritchard vacated the chair, and Ald. Egan took his place.

Ald. Campbell moved, seconded by Fitzgerald, that this Council, at its last sitting, take this opportunity of express-